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## Worker Sues Labor Union On Job Denial Charge

the Associated Press.

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 6.-A worker yesterday filed suit for \$8,235 against a labor union which, he charged, denied him membership and prevented him from obtaining employment.

The petitioner, Carl Johnson stated he was a member in good standing of Local No. 472 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, but that Local No. 1650, at work on the United States narcotic farm near here, refused him membership after he had been offered a foreman's job on the farm's con-

on the condition he join Local No. 1650. British Get Report

asked: \$2,160 for lost time, \$75 for appeal expenses, \$3,000 for humiliation, mental pain, anguish, and \$3,000 damage to reputation.

### G. L. Bickell, 78, Dies; **Ex-Follies Comedian**

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, June 6 .- George L. Bickell, 78, comedian of the stage and screen half a century, died yes terday. He retired 11 years ago. He played with the Ziegfeld Follies and George White's Scandals.

Britain recently contracted for He said the job was offered him 1,050 tons of Irish cheese.



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# **Germans Reinforce** North African Army

#### **London Sources Believe** Near East Showdown Can't Be Long Delayed

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, June 6.-Belief that the Germans have reinforced their North African army in preparation for a drive on Suez caused new concern today as Germany and Britain jockeyed for position in an impending battle for control of Syria.

There were indications that British troops might move into the strategically-situated French mandate at any moment in an effort to gain the jump on the Nazis. Reliable sources declared the longawaited showdown in the Near East could not long be averted.

Warnings From Press. Reports of new German troop infiltrations into Syria brought warnings from the press that Britain's position was grave. There were increasing demands for decisive acion to meet the situation.

(Authorized sources in Berlin said "there are no German troops in Syria.'

(The German radio, quoting dispatches from Beirut, said British soldiers were preparing to land on the North Syrian coast and to attack from Palestine and Trans-Jordan. The same source said a large portion of the British forces rescued from Crete had been landed at Cyprus, just off the Syrian coast. (N. B. C.'s correspondent in

Ankara, Turkey, said in a broad-cast last night that German troops were reported to have occupied Damascus, Syria, only 60 miles north of the frontier of British-occupied Trans-Jordan.) Political Situation Acute. Coupled with these developments

was an admittedly-acute political situation caused by growing criticism of the government's military strategy and its efforts to step up roduction of munitions. One political correspondent as-

serted that "the serious defeat in Crete has bitten deeply into the prestige of the British government," and added: "The confidence of responsible members of all parties has been

seriously shaken and the demand for an imperial war council has been growing steadily. The situation caused by reported

German troop movements in Syria was regarded as particularly serious because of the probability that counter-measures by Britain might embroil her in war with France.

#### Confused Syria Situation Coming to Head, Nazis Say

BERLIN, June 6 (AP) .- Well-informed German sources declared today the confused situation in Syria was coming to a head and predicted that some of the Luftwaffe's nex actions would be directed at the Suez Canal.

The Nazi bombing expedition Wednesday night against Alexandria was only a "forerunner" of coming events, they aid, adding that the Suez Canal is of the highest importance as a supply line to the British Navy in the Eastern Mediterranean as well as to British land forces operating in Egypt and North

German bombers on Crete now are less than three hours' flying time from the canal, which was bombed at least twice last month by Axis planes. The sandy ditch previously had been attacked at infrequent intervals and Axis sources claimed several times that sunken ships blocked traffic through the

# C. R. Apted, Harvard Yard Police Head, Dies at 67

By the Associated Press.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 6.-Charles R. Apted, 67, head of the Harvard Yard police and guardian and disciplinarian of Harvard students for 38 years, died last night at his home after a long illness.

Known as "the colonel" to generations of Harvard men. | including President Roosevelt, because of the efficient manner in which he quelled even the stormiest of student highjinks, Mr. Apted numbered many of the university's great among his personal friends.

He was close to President Emeritus
A. Lawrence Lowell, and men like former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge invariably "looked him up" when they returned to the campus.

#### U. S. Ships England 246 Carloads of Meat By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, June 6 .- J. S. Campbell of the Agricultural Marketing Service, a division of the United States Agriculture Department, disclosed last night that 246 carloads of meat consigned to England under the Lease-Lend Act were shipped from Chicago between May 10 and

The shipments, including cured meats, canned pork luncheon meat, canned pork tongues and lard. moved by rail to Eastern ports for immediate movement to England. Mr. Campbell said. The names of the ports were kept secret.

Magna Cum Laude Graduate Miss Mabel E. Faesch, 21-yearold daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Faesch of 3602 Albemarle street N.W., was graduated magna cum laude from Bryn Mawr College yesterday. She was fifth in a class of 99. Her father is chancellor of the Swiss Legation here.





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